

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Denise M. Kettelberger on March 11, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert – This application is a continuation of US Application No. 10/062222, filed February 1, 2002, now abandoned, which is a continuation of US Application No. 09/690545, filed October 17, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of US Application No. 07/784891, filed October 30, 1991, now US Patent No. 6,162,484, which is a continuation of US Application No. 07/557136, filed July 23, 1990, now abandoned. --.

In the Claims:

Claim 39, line 6, after "natural honey and" insert – the composition --.

Claim 52, line 1, after "natural honey" delete "," and insert -- ; --.

Claim 52, line 3, after "water" insert -- , wherein the composition comprises less than 25% fructose" --

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a honey composition comprising a natural honey and about 35 to 50 weight percent of an extender selected from the group consisting of a C2-6 polyol, raffinose, stachyose, non-metabolizable dietary fiber, and mixtures thereof; and wherein the composition contains no added fructose or less than 25% fructose is not taught nor fairly suggested by the prior art or any combination thereof.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Wong whose telephone number is (571)272-1411. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks can be reached on 571-272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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